

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

1. MODERATE — 2.5 miles. Begins near fire tower parking area or waterfowl parking lot, leads to fire tower, traverses sand hills and marsh area.
2. EASY — 3.5 miles. Begins about .5 mile north on TR2 road. Horses may start from near fire tower road on TR1 road. Leads through oak forest and some open fields. Rises on sand hills.
3. EASY — 1.5 miles. Begins on TR2 north of campground entrance, north to railroad, then returns to park road. Leads through oak forest and open fields. Connects with Trail 2.
4. MODERATE — 1.9 miles. Begins in main picnic area and leads along Oxbow Lagoon through low river bottoms, along the river and back up into the pines and fields, then back to the campground and to the picnic area.
5. MODERATE — 3.5 miles. Begins north of campground and covers prairies, river bluffs and oak woods. May be hiked from canoe camp, north of Trails 3 and 4 or from group camp or rent-a-tent area.
6. MODERATE — 2.6 miles. Begins north of horse camp, crosses main road along marsh up into sand hills. Leads through oak forest and open fields and returns to horse camp.
7. MODERATE — 3.5 miles. Enter from gate, park office or trail 9. Covers flat woodlands, open fields and pines.
8. MODERATE — 1.4 miles. Bluestem Trail: Begins at tepicon parking lot and covers Sand Hill Nature Preserve: Prairie grasses and oak woods predominate.
9. MODERATE — 1.9 miles. Begins on west edge of horse camp. Circles west through oak woods and sand hills. Connects to trail 7.
10. MODERATE — .8 mile. East of horse camp and day use area. Circles prairie and sand blow-outs.
11. MODERATE — .5 mile. Begins southeast of River Shelter. Circles along river and backwater areas of the Tippecanoe River.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BOATS — Privately-owned boats may be launched on the river. Launch fee or permit is required.

CAMPING — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to two (2) weeks. Most sites will accommodate trailers. 112 electrical sites, dumping station is available.

CANOE CAMP — With launch. Is primitive (tents only) and has 10 sites. Must have boat or canoe.

FIRETOWER – 90 feet, Open Seasonally.

FISHING — Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required.

GROUP CAMP — For organized youth groups under adult supervision. Capacity 160 in summer, 120 in winter. Write to property manager for information, rates and reservations.

HIKING — 23 miles of easy-to-moderate trails.

HORSE CAMP — Is also primitive and has 56 sites.

HORSE TRAILS — Over 14 miles of horse trails are available.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE - Seasonal, inquire at park office.

PICNIC AREAS — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment, shelters and playfields.

SHELTERS — Reservable, inquire at park office.

YOUTH TENT AREA — Accommodates up to 120 people. (see map).

SWIMMING PROHIBITED in Tippecanoe River it is Extremely Hazardous. **Take No Chances!!!**

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of all wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats **must** be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas.
- Swimming in the Tippecanoe River is prohibited. Take no risks!
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- All motorized vehicles must remain on paved roadway. Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts are prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors prohibited.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Tippecanoe River State Park
4200N US 35
Winamac, Indiana 46996-9116
Call: (574) 946-3213
DNR
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

TIPPECANOE
River
STATE PARK

In the 1600's and 1700's this was the land of the Potawatomi Indians. The early explorers were French fur traders or "Voyagers" who came from Montreal, Canada, the center of fur trading, laden with goods seeking Indian encampments, eager to acquire beaver pelts in exchange for blankets, utensils and any other items the Indian might wish to barter. The Tippecanoe River was a major highway for this trade; Indians and fur traders alike plied its waters in their journeys to and from out-posts and Indian camps. Settlement came slowly but inevitably to the area and in the 1830's clearing, draining and farming of the lands was taking place. The Potawatomies were removed to a Kansas reservation and new settlers poured into the area. The land in the vicinity of the park was slowly cleared and farming and grazing became the prime activity as most wildlife disappeared from the area. The area remained this way until the "De-

pression" in the early 1930's. In the 1930's the U.S. Department of the Interior, through its National Park Service, acquired about 7,353 acres of land in an area bordering Tippecanoe River and U.S. 35 approximately 5 miles north of Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana. Most of the land which has a high sand content, was not well suited for agricultural use. The area was called the Winamac Recreation Demonstration Area. The Works Progress Administration developed most of the existing facilities at that time under the direction of the National Park Service. In 1943, the land was transferred to the Indiana Department of Conservation for operation as a state park. On January 1, 1959, 4,592 acres were transferred to the Division of Fish and Wildlife and named the Winamac Fish and Wildlife Area. All of the 4,592 acres lie west of U.S. 35. The remaining 2,761 acres, which lie east of U.S. 35, are still part of Tippecanoe River State Park. The land in the park, which is generally level, drains toward the Tippecanoe River which meanders approximately seven miles along the eastern border of the park. An occasional small sand dune adds variety to the scenery. The park offers a variety of habitats such as: oak forests, pine plantations, abandoned fields, marshes and the river. The park offers some of the finest recreation in the state. An extensive trail network offers the hiker a variety of terrain and vegetation. We offer 112 campsites including 4 adapted for handicapped people. All sites in the main campground are Class A. A large group camp offers overnight facilities for 160 people with kitchen facilities. Recreation buildings and shelters allow day use people opportunities throughout the year. Cross country skiing allows the winter visitor the opportunities of exploring the hills and woods previously unavailable during the winter season. Modern facilities, combined with a unique natural area, Tippecanoe River State Park awaits your exploration.